

**Board of Madison County Health
September 26, 2006 MINUTES**

On Tuesday, September 26, 2006, a meeting of the Board of Madison County Health came to order at 5:35 PM with board members Sarah Gooze, Doug Young, Bill Doggett, Ralph Hamler and Margaret Bortko in attendance. Jill Steeley and Molly Peterson were also in attendance.

Chairman Hamler called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM.

Meeting Minute Approval:

Ralph made a motion to approve the minutes as amended, Bill seconded the motion, all voted aye and the motion passed.

Public Health Nurse Update: Molly reported to the Board that she had attended several meetings and classes which included the Governor's Conference, Foodborne Illness Investigation Training, Spring Public Health Conference, Summer Public Health Conference, Every Child by Two meeting, a week long Certified Lactation Counselor Training, Child Protective Services meetings. She also reported that she had been regularly attending well child clinics (including the new Harrison Clinic), taught 5th and 6th grade girls puberty in Ennis, lice checks with Jill, did vision screenings for the Sheridan Driver's Ed class, taught healthy eating habits to 5th & 6th graders in Sheridan and also to the "After School Program" in Ennis, did a Lewis & Clark pedometer race at the Alder School, Updated 6th graders and Seniors on their immunizations. Her future plans included attending the FICMR coordinators meeting in Helena, finish Hep A & B shots at fire departments, finish reviewing daycare records, do something for Nat'l Smokeout Day, and hold a Flu In-Service at the nursing homes.

Public Health Administrator Update: Jill reported to the Board that she had also attended several meetings and trainings which included the Governor's Conference in Billings, a Foodborne Illness Investigation training, Spring Public Health Conference, Summer Public Health Conference, Meth Conference, Regional Emergency Preparedness Meetings, monthly LEPC meetings, monthly CCC meetings, and county commissioner meetings to discuss Public Health issues. She also said she had completed the Qtr 4 deliverables for the Emergency Preparedness Grant, Immunization Action Plan Grant and Maternal Child Health Grant. She has just completed the Qtr 1 deliverables for the EP Grant and Pandemic Flu Grant. She did Meth Presentations with Roger Thompson in the Spring at Harrison and Sheridan High School with a very good response. She and Molly had been conducting hearing screenings at the schools and doing lice checks at the Ennis School with follow up meetings with parents. Her future plans are to give the Meth presentations in Ennis, Virginia City, the town of Sheridan, and the town of Twin Bridges with Roger Thompson, hosting flu clinics with Molly around the county, and designing two more tabletop/partial scale drills for the county.

Public Health Budget: Bill asked Jill if she thought the Emergency Preparedness grant would be decreasing or running out soon. She reported that so far it has not decreased at all and this year the Pandemic Flu Grant was tied to it, so the Department will receive an additional \$9,000 - \$10,000. She also said that at the last budget meeting with the commissioners she was asked when the Department would be more profitable or at least self-sufficient (not requiring money from the General Fund) and she said the services provided by the Department were not profitable services and a lot of times offered to low-income families. She emphasized the fact that the budget has to be

very tight and cannot pay for services such as testing people for Pertussis, E.Coli, etc., because then the Department would have to pay for all tests. Although the State Lab has paid for some of the tests to be done on a case by case basis – they have stated it is not something they can do all of the time either.

New Business:

National Smokeout Day (November 16, 2006): The Board discussed National Smokeout Day, which is one day during the year the American Cancer Society encourages people to quit smoking for a day or forever. Molly & Jill asked the Board for suggestions of things we can do in a joint effort with Dr. Swoboda in Ennis to get the word across. Jill said she would call the Quit Line to see if they would donate any patches and informational material. Margaret suggested inviting the acupuncturist in Ennis to speak as well as maybe a local provider to talk about Zyban (a prescription drug to help people quit). Jill and Molly will discuss these items with Dr. Swoboda to put something together.

Public Health Board Meetings: Margaret suggested inviting Julie Diebert, a Registered Dietician new to Ennis to our next meeting. The Board also would like to invite Dr. Swoboda and the two new dentists in Ennis, Dr. Carson and Dr. Schmeidling to the meeting as well.

Boil Water Order in Sheridan: Health Officer Googe asked if anything had come out of the Boil Water Order in Sheridan. Both Ralph and Jill said they talked to the Town of Sheridan about the need to immediately notify the Sanitarian and the Public Health Department when something like this happens. Ralph touched on the following points with the Board:

- Public water supplies have automatic chlorinization which must be tested on a daily basis
- The nursing home water does not have to be tested because they're on city water
- The sewer line beneath Mill Creek is cracked and should be fixed within the next couple of days
- The Town of Sheridan has purchased land on Tuke Lane for new city lagoons

Hot Springs: Margaret asked Ralph if public hot springs must be chlorinated, and he said they do not as long as they have a water exchange every 4 hours.

Septic and Construction Permits: Ralph reported to the Board that he has issued 145 septic permits and 101 construction permits so far in 2006. These keep Ralph quite busy, so he has contracted with a sanitarian from Beaverhead County, Lanie Jones, to help him with restaurant inspections.

Next Meeting: The next meeting was scheduled for January 16, 2006 at 5:30 PM.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM.